Cambridge Sept. 2: 1774 I Thomas Oliver being appointed by his Majesty to a Seat at the Council Board upon and in Conformity to the late Act of Parliament entitled an Act for the better Regulation of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, which being a manifest Infringement of the Charter Rights and Privileges of this People, I do hereby in Conformity to the Commands of the Body of this County now convened most solemnly renounce and resign my Seat at said unconstitutional Board and hereby firmly promise and engage as a Man of Honour and a Christian that I never will hereafter upon any Terms whatsoever accept a Seat at said Board on the present novel and oppressive Plan of Government. My House at Cambridge being surrounded by about four thousand People in Compliance with their Commands I sign my Name — Thomas Oliver

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